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## Cal Poly Space Systems launches a 'Wild Thing'



COURTESY PHOTO

Cal Poly Space Systems launched, for the first time, "Wild Thing," a rocket with three motors, on Saturday, Oct. 16.

Carly Hazeke

SPECIAL TO THE MUSTANG DAILY

The "Wild Thing" rocket team put 30 hours into designing and building the Cal Poly Space Systems' latest rocket, the 4-foot tall "Wild Thing," which needed three seconds to reach 3,025 feet into the sky over the California desert.

Aerospace engineering sophomore and president of Cal Poly Space Systems, Joshua Herrmann, said it is the first time they have launched a rocket with three motors. The club spent a lot of time on the rocket, Herrmann said.

"What was going through my head was, 'Please don't blow up,'" he said.

Aerospace engineering professor Dianne DeTurris is the academic adviser for the club and attended the launch. Years ago, someone else tried to launch a rocket with three motors

that went off at different times. The rocket went directly over everyone's heads and across the field to the other side, she said.

"I thought of how to get out of the way if the rocket was coming right at me," DeTurris said. "I looked behind me to see if there was an escape route."

Even failure becomes a chance to learn for Cal Poly Space Systems, DeTurris said.

"It is learn by doing," she said. "(And) learn by failing."

Fail early and fail often, DeTurris said. The club has developed a positive attitude toward failure which members call "limited success."

"It is not about the sad, it is about the thrill of succeeding after having made every mistake possible," DeTurris said.

An experiment may sound good and make sense, but it is not always

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## Blakeslee Bills to aid San Luis Obispo

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Three pieces of legislation proposed by San Luis Obispo Senator Sam Blakeslee were signed into law on Oct. 1. The three bills will promote solar energy use, help the families of deceased San Luis Obispo police officers and strengthen seismic safety in San Luis Obispo respectively.

Erin Shaw, Blakeslee's press secretary, said the office was excited about the recent bills being passed.

"It's great to have these bills put into effect that impact the district," she said.

Assembly Bill 44 (AB 44),

Assembly Bill 2742 (AB 2742) and Assembly Bill 2746 (AB 2746) are the three most recent bills authored by Blakeslee that the governor has signed.

When asked about the governor's opinion on the bills, the deputy press secretary at the office of Gov. Arnold

### Assembly Bill 44

AKA:

Renewable Energy:

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install renewable energy systems for homeowners. San Luis Obispo residents who wish to set up solar panels on their homes will save up to 25 percent, as stated in a press release by Blakeslee.

Business administration junior Lindsay Carr said she was happy to see San Luis Obispo taking the initiative to start encouraging renewable energy throughout the city.

"I think it sounds like a good idea especially because we should start figuring out new ways to have clean, renewable energy," she said.

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Schwarzenegger, Matt Connelly, said Schwarzenegger only signs bills he supports.

"Usually he signs it (because) he supports it and we don't really go much further than that," Connelly said.

AB 44, also labeled as Renewable Energy: Homeowner Financing on Blakeslee's website, will reduce the costs to

## SLO Rideshare gives \$300 to commuters

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The Commute for Cash Challenge is a major component of October's Regional Rideshare month. To help promote sustainable commuting, San Luis Obispo Regional Rideshare will award \$300 to various program participants every week.

To break it down, the Commute for Cash Challenge is a program designed to catch people being responsible about their commute.

Morgen Marshall, the chair of SLO Regional Rideshare, will give out \$100, with her team, to someone who is making a major change in their commute, \$100 to someone who is continuing their green commute habits and \$100 to someone who convinces someone else to go green.

"We want to reward people who are acting as ambassadors," Marshall said. "And so far, it's going really well."

SLO Regional Rideshare will also be giving out gift cards daily.

Theater arts freshman Torin Lusebrink said he'd gladly change his commuting habits for \$100, both on campus and at home.

"I live in Davis; it's a flat, bike friendly town," he said. "And here, I already walk everywhere."

Marshall, a Cal Poly graduate has been working with Regional Rideshare for three years, said the Commute for Cash Challenge is very applicable toward college students and there's no reason not to sign up.

"It's incentive to get people to think about the way they commute," she said. "And it saves money. I know that sounds good to college students."

Graphic communication freshman Andrea Hernandez said she strives to live sustainably, by riding her bike or walking everywhere.

Hernandez also works to inspire others to go green.

"I always encourage my roommates to recycle and turn off the lights, all that kind of stuff," she said.

The Commute for Cash Challenge has roughly 1,900 community members in its database, which Marshall said is a great success.

Since Oct. 1, the community has logged 3,000 trips, travelled 102,627 sustainable miles and saved \$14,754 in gas money.

"That's in just two weeks," Marshall said. "Fifteen thousand dollars is a lot of money. That's pretty impressive."

But the most impressive, Mar-

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## Bills

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"Despite some potential costs for the city, I think in the long run the cost will make itself up; over time the benefits for the environment will outweigh any costs to the city."

One of the other bills signed by Schwarzenegger is AB 2742 — also called State Public Safety Officers: Donation of Leave Credits on Blakeslee's website. The bill was

suggested after colleagues of police officer Lt. Clarence VanHoose encountered difficulties when they tried to donate leave credits to his family following his death. The bill is designed to allow police officers to donate leave credits to the survivors of a colleague who died within one year of retirement.

As stated on the website, this bill eliminates the barriers that prevent state employees from helping the families of those who have passed away.

"This is another really good idea

because police officers should be able to help anyone else out," Carr said. "I think it is more of an obvious thing that should have already been able to happen, but that's what happens with the government sometimes."

AB 2746, which is titled Seismic Safety: Chief Mitigation Officer on Blakeslee's website, created a new position for the California Earthquake Authority (CEA). The position, the Chief Mitigation Officer, will educate residents of California about seismic safety and to work

with researchers to develop and moderate seismic risk.

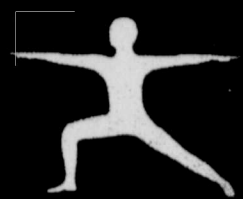
Having someone in charge of earthquake mitigation is nothing but helpful for the state of California and the city of San Luis Obispo, since natural disasters happen all over the world, Carr said.

"After what happened with Hurricane Katrina, it is probably a good idea to have someone in charge like that," Carr said. "The more we can prepare with like a backup plan the more smoothly things will happen if and when an earthquake does oc-


cur. It's one more person to help figure out what we need to do to manage the risks."

For Blakeslee all three bills are a win for District 33 and San Luis Obispo County.

"I am honored that the governor agreed that these important bills were necessary for California," Blakeslee said in a press release. "I'm proud we were able to tackle a number of issues that impact my district. I will continue to push for policies that better our communities and neighborhoods."



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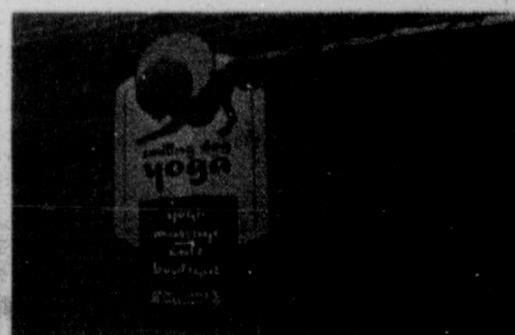
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## Commute

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shall said, are the city's greenhouse gas levels.

"We've saved 82,178 pounds of greenhouse gases," she said. "That's equivalent to 103 barrels of wine. Imagine all of those in the sky."

If winning cash and saving the environment aren't enough incentives, SLO Regional Rideshare will also promote carpool week.

"We'll be at a different gas station every day," Marshall said. "And we're going to give \$100 in free gas to someone who is carpooling."

Next week is bike week, and Marshall and friends will host bike breakfasts. On Oct. 27, from 7 to 9 a.m., the team will be on the corner of California and Foothill boulevards with pastries, coffee and fruit for cyclists and pedestrians on their way to work and school.

"I like to think we're filling the gas tanks of our cyclists," Marshall said. "It's just another incentive."

SLO Regional Rideshare month will close with the opening of a new 12-space bike rack on Garden Street, across from Linnaea's Café.

"That bike rack is always full," Marshall said. "It's exciting to add another one."

The Commute for Cash Challenge is perfect for Cal Poly students, Marshall said.

"All of this is free," she said. "I know when I was in college, I loved the idea of saving money."

Marshall realized the program

really affected people's bottom lines when she began the Commute for Cash Challenge, she said.

"Cash is more tangible than the environment," she said. "You can't see poor air quality and we don't have a lot of traffic congestion. But people see the difference when they're saving money."

The Commute for Cash Challenge was designed with the hope of making lasting changes in the community. In its first year, the challenge targeted those who were used to driving alone, Marshall said. Many of them tried something new, be it carpooling, biking or public transportation, and stuck with it.

"We keep in contact with our users," she said. "And we have a lot of support."

Marshall said San Luis Obispo is a green community; the program could not exist without the support from the community, she said.

"We have an incredible community," she said. "It shows how important being green is, and how important living outside the box is."

Marshall would like to keep San Luis Obispo a green community, she said.

"Let's keep SLO, slow," she said. "We're such a car-centric culture. Just take a few more minutes and re-think your commute."

SLO Regional Rideshare puts on many "go-green" events throughout the year with the help of the community. Last year there were more than 60 bike-related events in the city of San Luis Obispo; none of which could happen without a

strong community, Marshall said.

Marshall's work is not limited to the Commute for Cash Challenge. SLO Regional Rideshare's largest campaign is Bike Month, in May. It also works with employers and various social services to promote sustainable commuting ideas. Another program, Safe Routes to School, works to provide students with safe paths on which to ride their bikes to school.

Living in a predominantly car-centric culture can be hard, Marshall said, especially when students' hometowns aren't pedestrian friendly. But San Luis Obispo was recently voted the most pedestrian friendly town in the country, she said.

"It's just a matter of whether or not you're willing to change your commute," Marshall said. "You just have to re-think the way you do things."

Marshall strongly encourages Cal Poly students to take part in the Commute for Cash Challenge, and to take advantage of the green resources we have around us.

"It's totally free, and you have nothing to lose," she said. "The best part of my job is giving away \$100."

Even if you're not interested in the Commute for Cash Challenge, SLO Regional Rideshare's website, [www.rideshare.org](http://www.rideshare.org), has an abundance of resources for those interested in traveling green.

"These programs apply to students," Marshall said, "there's no reason not to take advantage of them."

## Rocket

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foolproof, DeTurris said. Sometimes there are failures and the club improves from them.

Aerospace engineering junior Alik Loper-Leddy is a member of the club. Once, the engine of a rocket shot up the body tube and then through the nose of the rocket, but the rocket stayed in place, Loper-Leddy said.

Herrmann said he has been at the launch site and has seen other rockets land on top of the tents where spectators were sitting. He has also seen them explode on the launch pad and fall straight down on the hood of a truck after its motor burned out.

Luckily, Wild Thing's three motors all fired at the exact same time and the rocket went straight up, DeTurris said. It worked even better the club could have imagined.

"What I didn't expect was going to happen was them all going off at exactly the same instant because that is very hard to do," DeTurris said.

There were three teams to construct each of the three motors and even though the motors weren't built identically, they still fired at the same time, DeTurris said.

"It is even more amazing when you consider that the motors weren't put together by the same people," DeTurris said.

The club not only teaches its members how to build and launch rockets, but it gives them hands-on experience and teaches them how to work together as a group, DeTurris said.

"The members get the chance to

succeed individually as well as on a group level," DeTurris said.

Club members attending the launch had teams to design and launch their "Dollar Store Rockets." The members used Halloween decorations such as an orange straw with a plastic skeleton on top, Herrmann said, along with a paper towel roll and duct tape to construct the rockets.

This activity helps new members get experience with constructing and launching rockets, DeTurris said.

"The idea is to get the new people to see what it's like," she said.

When the club launched the rockets, most of them tumbled in the air instead of going straight up, Herrmann said. A different team won a night-light as a prize for the best "Dollar Store Rocket."

The launch was in a field near Fresno, where the club spent Saturday night camping.

After the flight, Wild Thing was found in fairly good shape, DeTurris

said.

Nothing was broken; the club could fly it again if it wanted to, Herrmann said.

The club saves all the rockets it launches so it can launch them again in the future.

"We have such a good time launching each one and we want to experience that again," Herrmann said.

Sometimes it is difficult to track the rockets, Loper-Leddy said. Club members drive after them, following them sometimes through the night and some rockets have never been found, she said.

The members shouldn't get attached to their rocket, DeTurris said. If they do, they won't be able to let it go for fear of it being damaged or lost.

"Rule number one: don't ever get married to your rocket," DeTurris said. "If you do, you will never launch it."

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## Briefs

## State

**STOCKTON (MCT) —**

A Stockton-made electric delivery truck is traveling the streets of San Francisco this month, as an experimental partnership between the parcel delivery company and Electric Vehicles International, which opened a manufacturing facility in Stockton last November.

The truck has already visited Sacramento, and after its San Francisco stint it'll travel to Reno. This is not the first foray into alternative-fuel vehicles for UPS.

The company first used a fleet of electric "package cars" in New York City in the 1930s.

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**VICTORVILLE (MCT) —**

Hesperia Unified is losing five days out of its school year, in response to California's latest budget cuts.

The HUSD school board voted 4-1 to cut the school year back from 180 days to 175, effectively extending the winter break for five more days in January.

Keeping the school open those five days without state compensation would cost the HUSD at least \$1.6 million, estimated Dave McLaughlin, the Assistant Superintendent for Business Services.

## National

**KENTUCKY (MCT) —**

Between Sept. 2 and Monday, more than \$1,000 in merchandise was reported stolen from the AT&T mobility store in the 400 block of Eastern Bypass. Eight MobileMe Family Packs were reported stolen by store management according to a Richmond police report. The total value of the theft was \$1,200.

Between Oct. 11 and Oct. 14, Richmond police arrested and charged three people with operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

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**CONNECTICUT (MCT) —**

A Canadian man who spent four years toiling in eastern Connecticut was named a saint Sunday by Pope Benedict XVI. Him and five others were canonized on the steps of St. Peter's Basilica.

In 1863, Alfred Bessette was impoverished and illiterate when he moved from his home outside Montreal, Quebec, to Plainfield, where he worked in the area's factories, mills and farms. Many locals made sure to catch the canonization on television and the day's religious education classes focused on the new saint's life.

## International

**GERMANY (MCT) —**

The courthouse in Nuremberg where senior Nazis faced trial for war crimes will open as a museum and visitor attraction next month, officials said Monday.

The courthouse was chosen as the venue for the post-war trials due to Nuremberg's hosting of the huge Nazi rallies in the 1930s.

The city is building an interpretation center in the attic space of the courthouse to show visitors how international criminal justice began in the city.

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**SPAIN (MCT) —**

Spanish prosecutors are seeking prison sentences of 220 years for two Somalis charged with participating in the hijacking of a Spanish fishing vessel in the Indian Ocean in October 2009, judicial sources said Monday.

The 36 crew members were released after 47 days.

The Spanish government denied a ransom was paid. The amount paid, however, was not clear, the prosecutors said in a court document. Media reports earlier put the ransom at about \$4 million.

## Supreme Court takes case against former Bush official

**David G. Savage**

TRIBUNE WASHINGTON BUREAU

The Supreme Court intervened again Monday in a lawsuit against a former Bush administration official, agreeing to decide whether former Attorney General John Ashcroft is entirely shielded from claims that he misused the law to arrest terrorism suspects under false pretenses.

Obama administration lawyers appealed on Ashcroft's behalf and asserted that it would "severely damage law enforcement" if the nation's top law enforcement official could be held liable for abusing his authority.

In the last five years, civil libertarians have tried — without much success — to sue former Bush officials for overstepping the law.

Last year, the Supreme Court shielded Ashcroft from being sued by Muslim immigrants in the New York area who said they were arrested and abused in jail after the 9/11 attacks, even though they had no involvement in a terrorism plot.

The current case arose when Lavoni Kidd, a former football star at the University of Idaho, was arrested and shackled at Washington's Dulles International Airport in March 2003.

He was not taken into custody because he was suspected of a crime but because he was a supposed "material witness" in another case.

Federal law permits the government in special situations to hold someone as a "material witness" in a pending case.

Lawyers for the American Civil Liberties Union accused Ashcroft of a "gross abuse" of this authority. They say he misused the law to arrest innocent people, even when the government lacked the required "probable cause."

After the 9/11 attacks Ashcroft announced he would use all of his legal authority to capture terrorists. Hundreds of Muslim men were arrested and held on immigration charges. That option was not available in Kidd's case because he is a U.S. citizen.

Kidd had converted to Islam in college and changed his name to Abdullah Al-Kidd.

He had cooperated with the FBI after the 9/11 attacks and answered questions about another Muslim man in Idaho who was under investigation in connection with his website.

Several months had elapsed since Kidd had heard from the FBI, but when he bought a round-trip ticket to travel to Saudi Arabia, where he had a scholarship to study, the FBI moved to have him arrested.

An FBI agent wrongly told a magistrate that Kidd had bought a one-way first-class ticket. The magistrate ordered Kidd arrested and held as a witness.

A few days later, FBI Director Robert S. Mueller III testified in Congress and mentioned Kidd's "arrest" as one of the bureau's successes.

Kidd was repeatedly strip-searched and shackled for more than two weeks in a high-security cell where the lights were kept on, according to his complaint. He was then released, but his passport was taken.

In 2005, Kidd sued Ashcroft and other officials, contending they had violated his constitutional rights by arresting him without probable cause.

Ashcroft moved to dismiss the suit, arguing that as the nation's chief prosecutor, he was absolutely immune from such claims.

But a federal judge in Idaho and the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals refused to dismiss the suit.

Judge Milan Smith said it was "repugnant to the Constitution" for the government to say it "has the power to arrest and detain or restrict American citizens for months on end, in sometimes primitive conditions, not because they have committed a crime, but merely because the government wants to investigate them for possible wrongdoing."

The justices announced they will hear the case of Ashcroft vs. Al-Kidd early next year and decide whether the doctrine of prosecutorial immunity requires that the suit be dismissed. New Justice Elena Kagan said she would stay out of the case.

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# Word on the Street

What do you like or dislike about the recent fall weather?



"I think it's about time it started raining."

— Zach Dellis,  
English freshman



"I like the cold, but I don't like the fluctuation."

— Megan Carnow,  
child development freshman



"I'm ready for the fall weather to stay."

— Margaret Pack,  
journalism junior



"I don't like the rain, it gets in the way of things I want to do."

— John Farrell,  
general engineering senior



"It's pretty sudden, but it's nice to have a change."

— Michael Tjandra,  
biomedical engineering  
sophomore



"I don't like it when it's rainy and windy together."

— Tanya Luthin,  
computer engineering senior

## Law gives NASA four-month deadline to develop new spacecraft for exploration

Mark K. Matthews  
Robert Block

THE ORLANDO SENTINEL

A law signed a week ago gives NASA four months or less to develop a dozen different plans for the future, including a detailed report on how it would replace the retiring space shuttle.

It's an ambitious schedule, one that NASA chief Charlie Bolden said requires the agency to "think and act boldly."

But as has been the case for much of his tenure, Bolden won't be around as the plans get rolling. The jet-setting former astronaut left for China Friday on a week-long trip.

Since taking charge of NASA in July 2009, the Bolden has visited 14 countries and has been missing at critical moments.

Last year, he skipped one of the first shuttle flights under his watch to visit Japan, and most recently was on a trip to Europe and the Middle East when the House nearly defeated the NASA vision endorsed by the Obama administration.

"How about saving the manned space program — in America?" said Rep. John Culberson of Texas, one of several Republicans who opposed Bolden's most recent trip. "Charlie Bolden should stay focused on America's manned space program."

His absence and several gaffes have led to speculation that Bolden may not be in command of NASA much longer.

"There's always speculation about people's tenure in Washington," said Lori Garver, deputy NASA chief. "We have gotten too used to it, and we don't even consider it a distraction at NASA because we are so excited about our future."

Bolden was unavailable for comment.

Bolden's relationship with the White House has been strained since President Barack Obama introduced his plan for space exploration in February.

In the week leading up to the announcement of that plan, Bolden was in Germany and Israel on a trip that included a commemora-

tion for the Israeli astronaut Ilan Ramon, killed in the 2003 Columbia accident.

Even after the Obama plan became public, Bolden never seemed to get on the same page as the administration, once telling staff to work on an alternative to Obama's plan of using commercial rockets to resupply the International Space Station with crew and cargo.

And in April, Bolden appeared to contradict the White House when he supported further test flights of a rocket being developed by the agency's Constellation program — despite Obama's aim to scuttle the project's Ares rockets.

Ultimately, Congress and the White House settled on a plan, which became law Oct. 11.

It assigns NASA to build a new spacecraft for exploration beyond lower Earth orbit while giving commercial rockets a larger role in supply missions to the International Space Station.

During a media conference call on the day of the signing, Bolden read a statement, thanked reporters and turned the call over to Garver — a practice that has become routine. Two sources said Bolden continued to listen to the questions addressed to Garver but was barred from speaking.

In fact, an Administration source said the White House originally planned to hold a public signing ceremony but cancelled it when Bolden expressed interest in changing his travel plans and attending.

Although the White House denies it, Administration sources said Bolden has been told to keep a low profile.

Bolden has all but disappeared from public view since the White House publicly reprimanded him last month, after NASA's inspector general found that he acted "inappropriately" when he consulted with Marathon Oil Corp. about a proposed NASA biofuels program.

Bolden is a former director of Marathon — which has its own biofuels program — and still holds shares worth up to \$1 million.

Adding to the administration's issues is that Bolden stays in the

news even when he travels overseas.

He riled conservatives this summer when he told the Middle East network al-Jazeera that one of his top priorities was outreach to the Muslim world.

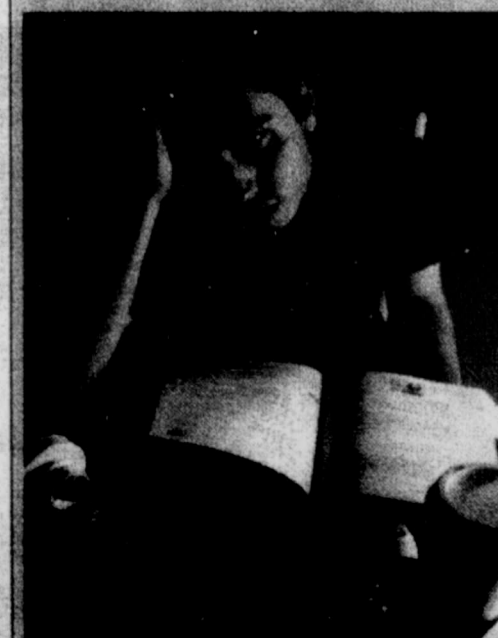
And against the advice of top NASA officials, he returned to the region recently to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the first Arab astronaut's shuttle flight, a trip that came as Congress was fiercely debating the bill providing a blueprint for future human space exploration.

The China trip has stirred controversy as well. "It should go without saying that NASA has no business cooperating with the Chinese regime of human spaceflight," wrote Rep. Frank Wolf (R-Va.), who sits on the subcommittee with oversight of NASA's budget.

"China is taking an increasingly aggressive posture globally, and their interests rarely intersect with ours."

Bolden wrote back that the trip had been in the works since November 2009 when Obama and Chinese President Hu Jintao agreed to a dialogue on space.

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## National political poll numbers may be skewed by missing cell phone users

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MCCLATCHY NEWSPAPERS

The polls may have a pro-Republican bias this election season.

The ranks of Americans who use only cell phones have skyrocketed. Some public polls don't survey them, however, and they miss a group of people who are more likely to vote Democratic, including the young, the poor, Hispanics and African-Americans.

The nonpartisan Pew Research Center recently found that in four out of five national polls this year, polls that contact only those with land-line phones gave Republicans a 4- to 6-percentage-point edge compared with polls that included cell phones.

In the most recent poll, a survey of likely voters reached via land lines gave Republicans a 12-point edge, 53-41 percent. Polls that also called voters who only use cell phones found the Republican edge was 7 points, 50-43 percent.

"Cell-only adults are demographically and politically different than those who live in land-line households," the Pew report said. "As a result, election polls that rely only on land-line samples may be biased."

The challenge in measuring public opinion has grown as more Americans rely on cell phones. In four and a half years, the percentage of Americans 18 and older who rely only on cell phones

has skyrocketed from 9.6 percent to 22.9 percent, according to the National Center for Health Statistics.

The tally of households with cell phones only has risen from 10.5 percent to 24.5 percent. Another 14.9 percent of homes have land lines but receive most or all calls via cell phones.

Who are these cell-phone-only people? According to the National Center for Health Statistics:

—The young: 49 percent of those aged 25-29, and 38 percent of those aged 18-24.

—The less-educated: 25 percent of those with high school educations or less, the most wireless group.

—Students: 29 percent of people who go to school.

—Hispanics: 30 percent, the most wireless of any race or ethnicity, with African-Americans at 25 percent and non-Hispanic whites at 21 percent.

—The poor: 36 percent.

—Renters: 43 percent.

Many public polls this election season do include calls to cell phone-only voters, including McClatchy-Marist polls. But some don't, including automated surveys, such as the Rasmussen poll, that use computer-generated dialing and interviews.

"All things being equal, cell phones need to be included," said Lee Miringoff, director of the Marist Institute for Public Opinion which conducts the McClatchy-Marist poll.

"You don't want to systematically exclude a group that may have different attitudes. It's a large enough group that you can't assume that they mirror the rest of the population."

Calls to Rasmussen for comment weren't returned. Calling cell phones for a poll is more challenging and expensive than calling land lines.

First, Miringoff said, Federal Election Commission regulations require that they be dialed manually. Second, a questioner has to ask whether the person is driving or using heavy equipment. A "yes" answer requires a follow-up call later. Third, a high percentage of people with cell phones are younger than 18 and unable to vote. Fourth, many people refuse to answer the calls because they must pay for the air time; often pollsters compensate them, further driving up costs.

Overall, the "yield" of usable results from cell phone calls is about one-third of the calls to land-line phones, Miringoff said. He cautioned that the Republican bias can be slight or overstated.

In Wisconsin, for example, Democratic Sen. Russ Feingold's campaign last week disputed the McClatchy-Marist poll and others that found Feingold trailing his Republican opponent.

## FDA warning tells Iowa egg producer to improve safety

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TRIBUNE WASHINGTON BUREAU

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has slapped a warning letter on the Iowa egg producer at the center of last summer's salmonella outbreak, criticizing it for sanitation violations, including failure to control rodents.

The agency cleared another producer implicated in the outbreak, permitting it to resume selling eggs.

The warning letter to Wright County Egg, whose owners have operated egg farms in various parts of the country with recurrent health and safety problems, was made public on Monday, followed weeks of negotiations over how the company would correct a lengthy list of sanitation and biosecurity deficiencies identified by FDA inspectors in visits to the its egg-laying facilities Aug. 12 to 30.

The outbreak of salmonella enteritidis sickened at least 1,600 people and led to the recall of about 550 million eggs — the largest such recall in history.

In a statement, Wright County Egg said it has corrected shortcomings cited by the FDA and "we continue to cooperate fully" with the agency.

In another recall announcement on Monday, health-care giant Johnson & Johnson said its McNeil Consumer Healthcare subsidiary is recalling about 128,000 bottles of 50-count Tylenol 8 Hour caplets because of a musty smell. The problem apparently originated with a chemical used to treat wooden shipping pallets.

The company described the chances of harm from the tainted bottles as remote and said that problems reported to the company so

far have been "temporary and non-serious."

The same chemical was linked to a November 2009 recall of a variety of McNeil over-the-counter products. That was one in a string of recalls made by the company over the past two years, including the removal in April of 136 million bottles of Children's Tylenol and other pediatric over-the-counter medicines.

In the egg recall, a second producer, Hillandale Farms of Iowa, which shared a feed supplier with Wright County Egg, was cleared to resume selling eggs to consumers from three of its seven henhouses at a facility in West Union, Iowa.

The company notified the FDA that it planned to resume shipments of shell eggs on Monday and will continue testing at four other henhouses before attempting to market eggs from them.

Since the recall began in mid-August, Wright County Egg and Hillandale have been sending eggs to a "breaker" facility, where eggs are pasteurized to eliminate the threat of salmonella. The pasteurized eggs are used in such products as cake mixes.

In congressional testimony on Sept. 22, Wright County Egg owner Austin DeCoster and his son, Peter DeCoster — who manages the north central Iowa facilities — said they believed the contamination resulted from tainted feed. The FDA said feed may not have been the only source of the outbreak.

Failure to correct violations noted in the warning letter could lead to seizure of eggs or the closing of Wright County facilities, according to the FDA document.

The distribution of contaminated eggs is under criminal investigation by the FDA and the Justice Department.

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## Website editor arrested during Senate candidate's town hall meeting

Richard Mauer

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The editor of the Alaska Dispatch website was arrested by U.S. Senate candidate Joe Miller's private security guards Sunday as the editor attempted to interview Miller at the end of a public event in an Anchorage school.

Tony Hopfinger was handcuffed by the guards and detained in a hallway at Central Middle School until Anchorage police came and told the guards to release Hopfinger.

Hopfinger has not been charged but the owner of the Drop Zone, the private security firm that's been providing Miller's security, accused Hopfinger of trespassing at the public event, a town hall sponsored by the Miller campaign. The owner, William Fulton, also said Hopfinger assaulted a man by shoving him.

Anchorage police who responded to the call said they would leave it to the district attorney's office to decide whether to prosecute. They spent more than an hour taking statements, then left.

Hopfinger, who was holding a small video camera, said he was attempting to draw out a statement from Miller on why he was disciplined by the Fairbanks North Star Borough when Miller worked there as a part-time attorney. After Miller walked away, Hopfinger said, he was surrounded by Miller supporters and security guards and felt threatened, so he pushed one of them away.

Fulton said the man shoved by Hopfinger was not hurt.

Hopfinger said that after he shoved the man away, the guards grabbed him, cuffed his hands behind his back with steel handcuffs and sat him in a chair in the school hallway, Hopfinger said.

One of the guards grabbed Hop-

finger's video camera. Later, Hopfinger said that when he got the camera back, the segment covering the span of the arrest was missing. An Anchorage police officer offered to take the camera into custody and have it examined in the crime lab to investigate whether evidence had been destroyed, but Hopfinger declined. He said he needed the camera and the remaining video for his work.

The guard who grabbed the camera said Hopfinger had dropped it in the scuffle and denied erasing anything. The guard wouldn't give his name.

While Hopfinger was still in handcuffs, the guards attempted to prevent other reporters from talking to him and threatened them too with arrest for trespass. An Anchorage Daily News reporter interviewed Hopfinger anyway. No other reporters were arrested, though a few shoving matches and chest bumps ensued as the guards attempted to cordon off Hopfinger and block photographs and videos from being taken of the bizarre school scene.

The Miller campaign released a written one-paragraph statement from Fuller, then followed with a statement titled, "Liberal Blogger 'Loses It' at Town Hall Meeting." In that statement, Miller accused Hopfinger of assaulting someone and of taking advantage of the meeting to "create a publicity stunt."

He said his personal security detail had to take action to detain "the irrational blogger."

Miller campaign spokesman Randy DeSoto declined to comment or to make Miller, himself a witness, available for news interviews.

The 3 p.m. town hall was billed by the Miller campaign as a chance

for voters to "hear Joe Miller speak for himself." It was hardly a private gathering. In a Facebook message, the campaign urged Miller supporters to bring their "friends, colleagues, family, acquaintances, neighbors." And continuing what has become its anti-media theme, the campaign added, "Don't let the media skew your views."

In the gym rented from the Anchorage School District, Miller spent about 45 minutes addressing the crowd of several hundred and answering — or deflecting — questions.

The downtown Anchorage crowd wasn't entirely supportive. Though one man who later donned a hard hat praised Miller's position on opening up resource development and others whistled and cheered his stand on reducing the national debt and some smaller number his anti-union position, he also faced hostile questioners.

One likened him to a "welfare queen — you had a lot of children that you couldn't afford, and we had to pay for it," referring to Miller's reliance on medical care subsidies and other federal benefits.

Miller has said that kind of federal largesse is unconstitutional, and he responded by first asking his parents to stand to the applause of his partisans, then said he isn't opposed to relief payments — only they should come from the states, not the federal government.

Another criticized Miller's announcement last week that he would no longer answer questions about his character or his personal history. While his opponents have previous records in elective office, he does not, the woman said. "In this instance, you have no record, so it's meaningful and it's reasonable that we would want to examine your professional background and your military ..."

Miller interrupted her and said he knew she was a supporter of his opponent, write-in candidate Sen. Lisa Murkowski. He said he had a public record as a state and federal judge in Fairbanks and Tok, Alaska, but added he wanted to talk about the national debt, not the farm subsidy he received in Kansas.

Miller said he would talk to people after the open question period, but he quickly left the room.

Miller's vow to not answer questions about his own behavior includes his refusal to respond to allegations that he was disciplined for using government computers for partisan political activity when he was a part-time borough attorney there. The Alaska Dispatch, the Fairbanks News-Miner and the Anchorage Daily News are suing the borough in an attempt to get Miller's full personnel file.

Hopfinger said he followed Miller out of the gym with his video camera, peppering him with questions about the borough job.

As they were walking down a hall, Miller reversed directions and Hopfinger found himself surrounded by Miller supporters and the security detail, all of them wearing radio earphones.

Fulton said that because the school district rented the space to the campaign, it had the right to declare anyone in trespass. He said Hopfinger was "stalking" Miller and posed a security threat.

Hopfinger said that when he was told he was in trespass, he wasn't given any time to leave. Everything happened in seconds, he said.



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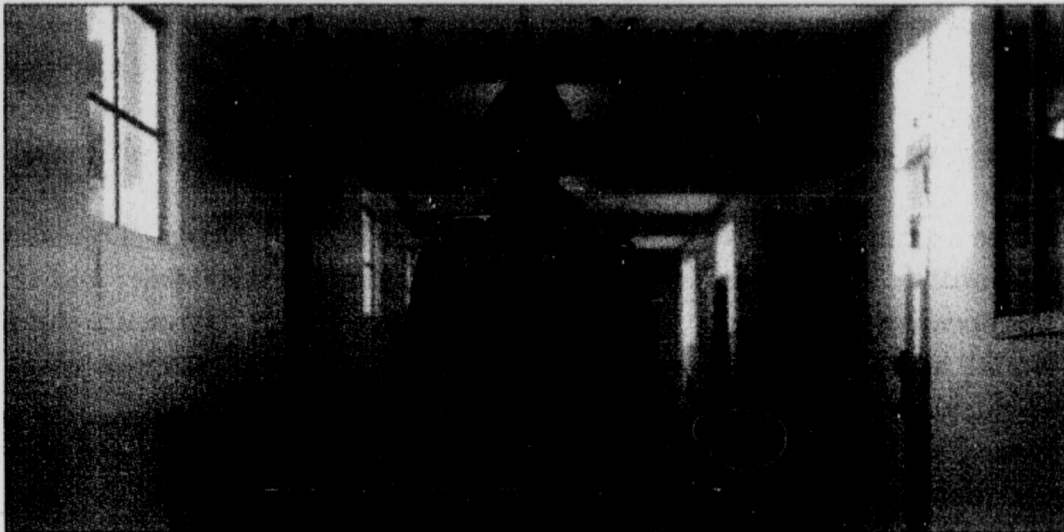


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## Graduate Column



# What to do with that criminal record before you graduate

As Cal Poly students, the vast majority of us have only had limited contact with law enforcement. This typically includes eighth grade D.A.R.E.

and a receipt from a speeding ticket about two weeks after getting your driver's license.

However, there are a small number of us with some sort of significant criminal record. It was reported in 2009 by a background check provider to entities such as employers, institutions and landlords, mybackgroundcheck.com, that 1 in 29 college students in the U.S. has some sort of criminal history beyond that of a minor traffic violation.

According to the commander of the University Police Department (UPD) Lori Hashim, the UPD doesn't keep a running tally of how many students have a criminal record, except in the case of convicted sex offenders who by law must register with their local police department.

Yet, if the 2009 report by mybackgroundcheck.com is to be believed and applied to the Cal Poly student population, then roughly 660 current Cal Poly students have a criminal history. According to the same 2009 report, most of these students will have gotten into trouble

for either a major traffic violation, such as DUI (60.0 percent), disorderly conduct (9.5 percent) or theft (8.8 percent).


When talking about criminal convictions, it is important to differentiate between infractions (such as minor traffic violations), misdemeanors (disorderly conduct, shoplifting) and felonies (aggravated assault, automobile theft).

In California, most infractions — such as minor traffic violations — will only appear on your driving record for three years or upon successful completion of traffic school. However, conviction of a misdemeanor or felony becomes a part of your "permanent criminal record," Hashim said.

This record can then be queried by such entities as a police department, or during a background check, through the Department of Justice, acting as a clearinghouse of convictions of criminal acts.

This type of information can be significant to graduating seniors, or

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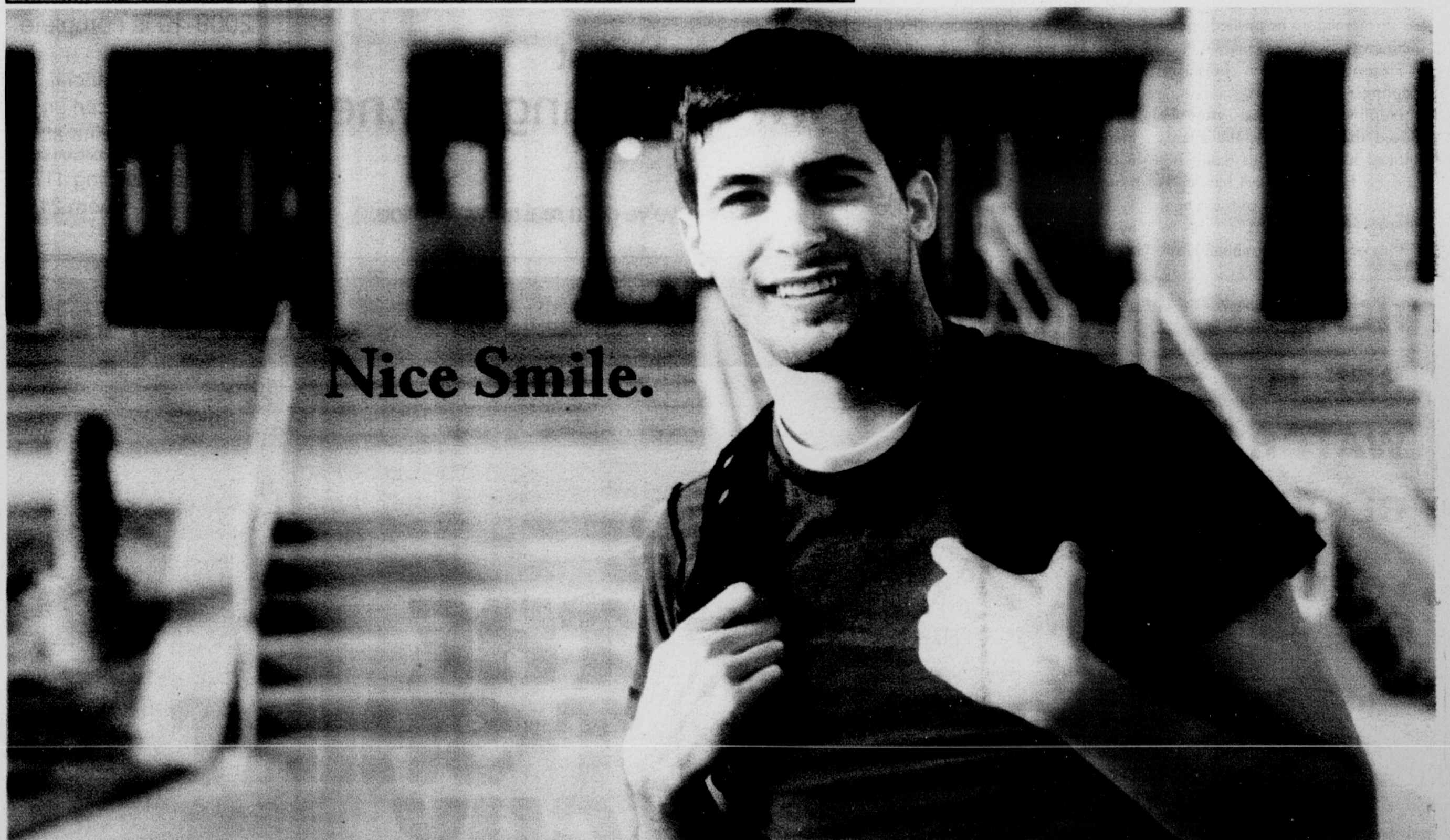
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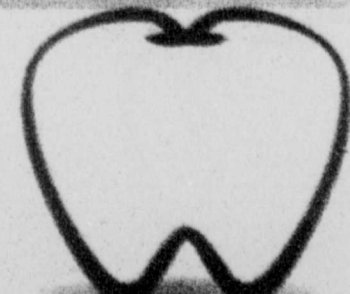
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# Nas and Damian Marley put on one of Avila's 'best concerts of the season'

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Nas and Damian Marley's Sunday show at the Avila Beach Golf Resort was a celebration of hip-hop, reggae and marijuana smoking.

Although signs indicated that tailgating was strictly prohibited, blunts, joints and other smoking utensils were passed left and right from one side of the crowd to another.

Despite the stormy weather, gi-

ant clouds of smoke filled the area — and the security guards did not overtly stop anyone from having their share of the marijuana, which is currently illegal except for medicinal uses under a physician-verified medical card.

The opening act, Latin and reggae-rock band Rey Fresco, even encouraged the crowd to partake in smoking.

"Feel free to light one up — it's Sunday," lead singer Roger Keiaho of

Rey Fresco said.

Rey Fresco opened its act with the instrumental jam "Ninja Kush" ("kush" is a form of marijuana). Harpist and vocalist Xocoyotzin Moraza joked about the title.

"It's a song about a farmer," Moraza said and began his harp jam.

As Rey Fresco played songs from its debut LP "The People," rain hit the arena. Fans put their hoods on, popped open umbrellas and listened to Rey Fresco play, enjoying the act but waiting for Nas and Marley to

hit the stage.

Once Rey Fresco ended its act with a cover of Buena Vista Social Club's "Chan Chan," the rain had stopped and a rainbow highlighted the cloudy sky.

Fans cheered and took pictures of the rainbow and about a half hour later, a little after 5 p.m., Nas and Marley were introduced. Before Nas and Marley hit the stage, a deejay played popular and significant hip-hop songs to get the crowd energized.

Nas, Marley and its high-energy band opened the show with the drum-heavy "Tribes at War." The backup singers sang and gyrated to the African-sounding beat and a man twirled a Rastafarian flag during the entire show.

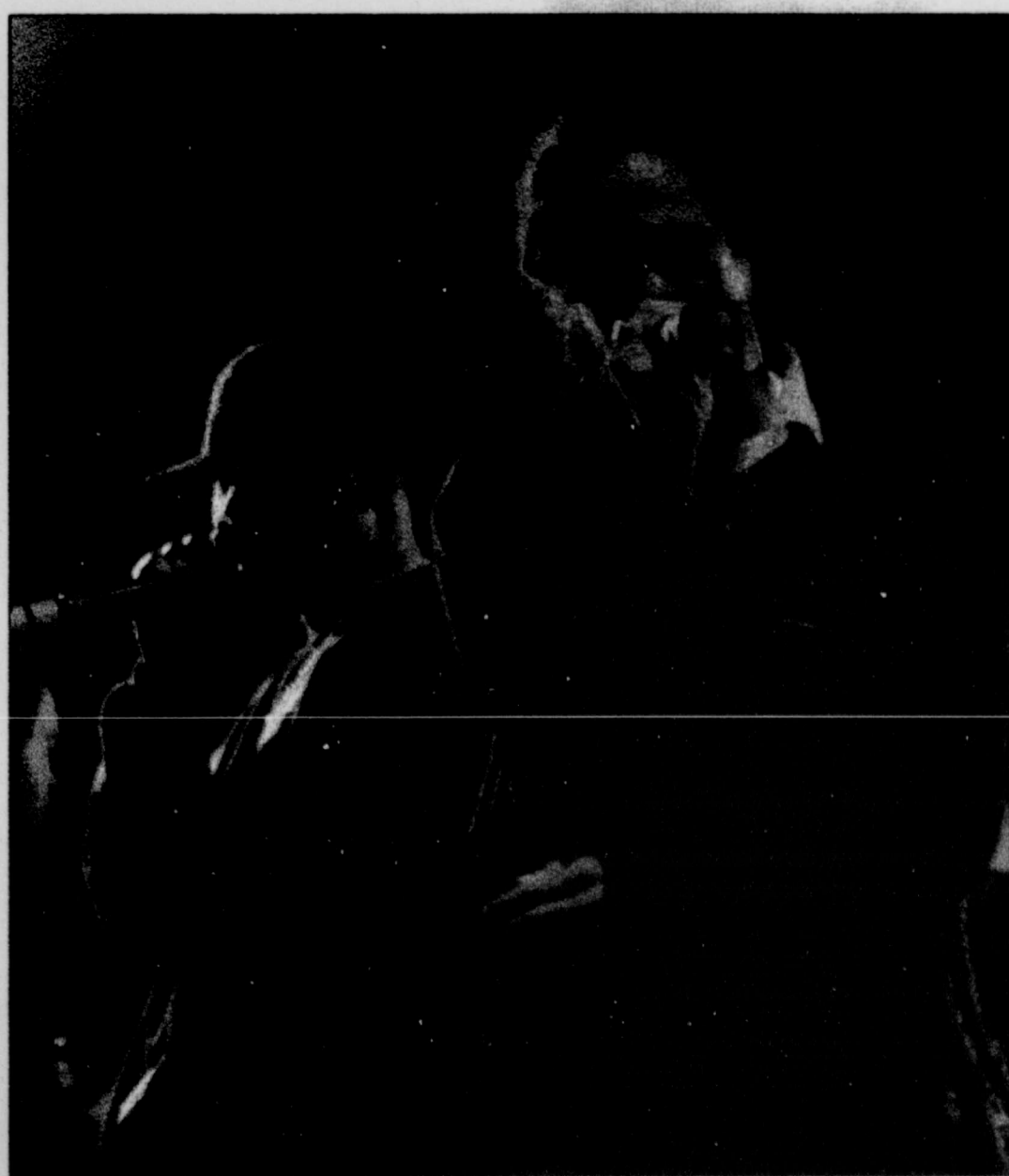
After a few more songs together, Marley left the stage and Nas began his solo session with the song "Represent" from his most critically acclaimed, RIAA-certified gold album

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CHRISTIAN MILLAN MUSTANG DAILY

Hip-hop artist Nas performed with reggae artist Damian Marley at the Avila Beach Golf Resort on Sunday, Oct. 17 despite the rainy weather.



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Nas and Damian Marley returned to the stage for an encore performance at the end of their show with "As We Enter," a song on their CD, "Disaster Relatives."

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## Food Column

# Artichokes: the real edible flowers

Edible flowers — when people hear these words they think of sweet delicate flowers that adorn the tops of wedding and anniversary cakes.

The majority of the population would not think of Thursday night Farmers' Market and McLintock's grilled artichokes when they hear the term edible flowers. However, as a cousin to the sunflower, this green armored delectable is an edible flower whose beauty is much more than skin-deep.

As many an artichoke consumer would agree, the best part of this flower is not its overall appearance, but its divine heart hidden within.

Although this plant is perennial, like apples, it still has prime growing seasons in which its flavor and abundance are more readably accessible. The peak season for the globe artichoke is from March until May, along with a smaller crop in October — relevant to the current season.

The best part of this in-season food is its ready, fresh accessibility to California's residents. California alone provides close to 100 percent of the United States' entire artichoke crop.

Artichokes really began to bloom when they reached Monterey County — Castroville in particular. Castroville claims the lofty title of "The Artichoke Capitol of the World." The annual Castroville Artichoke Festival announced the beautiful Marilyn Monroe as the Artichoke Queen in 1948, and the artichoke continued as



one of the valley's top five cash crops, now with a pretty face attached to add a little outer beauty to this thistly flower.

Let's get to picking and eating the perfect artichoke. When picking an artichoke, look for a consistent deep green throughout the entire flower. Avoid any dark brown spots or faded color as it is an indication the plant is past its prime.

Which to choose, a baby artichoke or a fully developed one? That is a trick question; both baby artichokes as well as the larger artichokes are fully developed. The two only differ in size based on which part of the plant they are picked from. Baby artichokes are picked from the base of the plant stalk and thus have been sheltered more and do not reach the same size as the chokes higher on the stalk. Nonetheless, they pack just as much flavor and nutrients as its larger siblings.

For the best flavor and texture it is important to consume artichokes within four days of purchasing them, or as close to when they were picked as possible.

Cooking artichokes tends to be a little tricky — one must understand the value of patience. With conventional cooking of the artichoke, such as steaming and boiling, it tends to take 25-40 minutes depending on the size of the artichoke — this is when those baby 'chokes gain appeal with shorter cooking times. However, with the easy to use and college friendly microwave you can reduce this cooking time to less than 10 minutes. What a relief!

Before cooking the artichoke use kitchen scissors — or if you are anything like me, use regular scissors you deemed worthy of the title kitchen scissors — and cut away the sharp tips of the leaves. Eating the artichoke — as a messy eater myself, I am glad to say — is a hands-on affair in which all parties involved get their hands a little dirty.

The condiment to accompany a freshly prepared artichoke is a highly debatable topic. Those from the East Coast tend to enjoy dipping into melted butter, while those from the West Coast prefer a rich mayonnaise or aioli. Which do you side with? During this quick preview season in October why not try for yourself, or even invent a new dip to accompany each bite?

**CLUE:** This food can be grown on every continent except Antarctica, but Morton, Illinois is the self-proclaimed "\_\_\_\_\_ Capitol of the World."

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## HERBED MAYONNAISE

1 cup mayonnaise  
1 teaspoon each chopped parsley and chives (or green onions, green part only)  
1/4 teaspoon chopped tarragon  
Mix all ingredients well.

## HONEY MUSTARD DIP

1/4 cup prepared mustard  
2 tablespoons cider vinegar  
2 tablespoons soy sauce  
2 tablespoons honey  
Combine all ingredients; mix well. Makes about 3/4 cup.

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## Criminal

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those competing for a sought-after internship with a criminal record.

Jane Johnson, program coordinator for Cal Poly's Career Counseling Services, said she has noticed a steep uptick in the past five to 10 years of companies doing background checks on new employees.

On a job application, most companies will want to know if you have been convicted of a misdemeanor or felony (and if so, to provide an explanation). On the other hand, some companies will take your word; a growing number are going so far as to complete a professional criminal, driving and credit history check in addition to contacting personal and professional references. This has resulted in the expansion and growth of companies providing this information, such as mybackgroundcheck.com, Choice-Point and Radaris.

The Cal Poly student with a criminal record — or anyone with a criminal record for that matter — has a couple of options. The first, most time-consuming and expensive, is to get any misdemeanor or felony criminal conviction "expunged" (removed) from your record. Such action might be worth the time and expense if it means getting a desired job out of college.

The process of getting a criminal conviction expunged begins at the same place where you were convicted; this means returning to the courthouse to file your appeal with the court clerk. If you were convicted of a felony (and

you are off probation), you will need to get your charge lowered to a misdemeanor. This can be accomplished by filing a "PC17b petition" with the clerk. If you were convicted of a misdemeanor or were successful in getting your felony lowered to a misdemeanor (and again, you are off probation), you will then want to file a "PC1203.3/4 petition" with the clerk.

Of course, unless you're Erin Brockovich, you'll want to have a lawyer do most of this work for you. A cursory scan online of lawyers who provide an estimated cost for such services ranges anywhere from \$500 to \$1,000 for a misdemeanor, and \$1,000 to \$2,000 for a felony.

If getting your criminal history expunged is not an option due to either money, time or court rejection of your petition, being forthright and honest with your potential employer about your criminal past is your best course of action, Johnson said. In her discussions with employers, a company is much more likely to hire the employee if they address any issues from their past during the interview process, rather than just letting them come up during the screening or background check; this is not an area where surprises are a good thing.

While time is always the easiest way of separating yourself from your deviant past, the ability to point to previous work experience and compiling a list of compelling references and advocates is another strategy. Character witnesses and others who would be willing to talk to the potential employer can be impressive and might be enough to alleviate any fears the potential employer might have.

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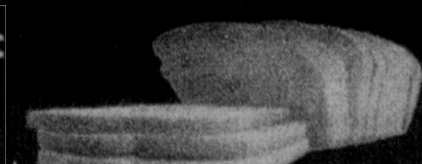
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"Illmatic." He went on to perform some of his most well-known songs to an excited crowd: "Hip Hop is Dead," "Got Yourself a Gun," "Made You Look," "Hate Me Now" and more.

Marley joined Nas onstage later, and the duo performed a set of songs from their album "Distant Relatives," including "Leaders," "Strong Will Continue" and "Count Your Blessings." Of the latter song, Marley told the audience members to count their own blessings, including the clean water they drink and the marijuana they were smoking freely. The crowd smoked simultaneously during the course of Nas and Marley's set.

Marley finally had his chance to perform solo — causing the crowd to move and groove as he performed his most well-known song "Welcome to Jamrock" in addition to others. During both Nas and Marley's solo sessions, one of the two played bongo drums while the other performed his hit.

Nas and Marley did a few more songs from their socially conscious and Africa centric collaboration as Nas took a puff from what appeared to be an audience member's blunt or joint.

Later in the show, Nas thanked the crowd for attending, bowed with Marley and admitted he wanted to smoke more, but after part of the crowd chanted "one more song," Marley and Nas returned to center stage and performed a few more songs. Nas got his share of marijuana when an audience member passed him a blunt.

Marley introduced the concert's closing song "Could You Be Loved" by asking the crowd who liked Bob Marley, the original performer of the song. The crowd screamed and applauded as Marley began singing his famous late father's well-known song.

After the concert, some fans rushed to the tour bus to get a glimpse of either Nas or Marley. Most fans seemed to have enjoyed the concert.

Communication studies junior Fatema Etemadi loved the concert and how "there was a diverse group of people, all seemingly sharing the love of hip-hop and reggae-style music, while all bringing their own personal style."

Audience members ranged from middle school-aged to adult. People from all generations danced to the songs.

"The concert was entertaining from start to finish," Etemadi said. "Although it was cold and rainy, it was definitely worth seeing Nas and Damian Marley."

Bioresource and agricultural engineering sophomore Cassandra Durler said she enjoyed Nas's blending of hip-hop and reggae styles.

"[Nas and Marley] kept the whole crowd going crazy during the entire show," Durler said. "There was never a dull moment on stage or in the crowd."

The Facebook page of the Avila Beach Concerts at the Cove later posted a thank you message to the fans who attended and called the show "one of the best concerts of the season."

# Universal Studios gets into Halloween spirit

Jessica Gelt

LOS ANGELES TIMES

The jagged growl of motors revving up in the distance cuts through the warm evening air at Universal Studios Hollywood.

"I hear the sound of chainsaws," says John Murdy, creative director of the studio's theme parks. "That can only mean one thing."

In an instant, soldiers in elaborate zombie-pig makeup round the corner brandishing chainsaws as if they hadd jumped from the set of a "Child's Play" film.

"Go get 'em," Murdy says, pointing to the visitors attending that evening's Halloween Horror Nights — a nightmarish spectacle that is gruesome, spooky, and sometimes downright brutal.

Murdy begins planning the 17-dates event in January and by the time October creeps up, cannot get the manufactured scent of burning bodies out of his nose. The interactive park-wide show seems to be as much work as producing five stage plays simultaneously. Nearly 500 actors are employed and an additional 250 crew members oversee makeup, costumes, light, sound, prosthetics, construction and other behind-the-scenes necessities.

Hundreds of gallons of movie blood are spilled each night as the park, from the periphery of Jurassic Park: The Ride to the back lot tram, is transformed into a dungeon of madness as crowds make their way — often screaming and eyes half closed — through five life-sized mazes constructed to re-create sets from popular horror films.

The horror nights, which kicked off the last weekend in September and close at 1 a.m. Halloween night, draw sellout crowds, although Universal would not disclose attendance figures. It is one of dozens of special-effects laden Halloween events that crop up in Southern California each year, including Knott's Scary Farm Halloween Haunt; Queen Mary's Dark Harbor Hallow-

een Terror Fest and Six Flags Magic Mountain Fright Fest.

Of these, Halloween Horror Nights is the only event that actually builds faithful reproductions of key scenes from films such as "A Nightmare on Elm Street," "Saw" and "Friday the 13th." Each scene unfolds in a different room of the maze, allowing guests to step through an alternative universe of the film.

It's a fitting state of affairs for the studio, which claims to have created the American horror-film genre with such classic 1930s movies as "Dracula," "Frankenstein," "The Mummy" and "The Invisible Man."

Rob Zombie, the heavy metal rock star and horror film director, gave Murdy and his crew a shout-out in late September from the stage of the Gibson Amphitheatre, where he was performing, for the great job they did putting together the maze for Zombie's grizzly cult classic "House of 1,000 Corpses."

"I went through it with people in the movie and the effects supervisor for the film," said Zombie of the maze. "They did a build-out using the original props. For all of us, it was a very strange experience because we felt we had gone back in time and were on set."

Horror actors and directors often visit Murdy's mazes. "Hostel" director Eli Roth recently tweeted that he wanted to work with Murdy on a maze of one of his own films.

"Watching a movie is passive," says Murdy, who has a degree in theater arts and has worked as a writer and producer and served as a consultant on Steven Spielberg's "Jurassic Park" and Peter Jackson's "King Kong." "We bring horror films to life with cinematic quality."

Murdy begins after the New Year by talking to horror film directors and other studios (not all the mazes are

based on Universal movies). When he picks a movie to turn into a maze he watches the film repeatedly, taking detailed notes and puts them on Post-it notes all over his walls. Then he writes a 50- or 60-page treatment for the filmmaker to read and sign off on.

Construction of the mazes begins in late June when Murdy and his art director, Chris Williams, use location stills from the films to build identical sets from bloody floor to ceiling.

In the "House of 1,000 Corpses" maze, Captain Spaulding's fried chicken crisps are in a counter window and the scent of fried chicken is pumped into the room. In another room, Murdy points out a vintage Mrs. Butterworth's syrup bottle that is half hidden beneath a table covered in Popular Mechanics magazines from the 1950s. The incinerator room in the maze for "A Nightmare on Elm Street" reeks of the smell of burned bodies, another pumped-in scent. Fake blood squirts from squished eyeballs.

On a recent Friday night, the mazes were packed with shrieking men, women and children. (Though the mazes aren't recommended for kids under age 12, that didn't stop some people from bringing their tots). Monsters and fiends roamed the park's streets, lurching up to people and hovering in full creepster mode. Girls leaned close to boyfriends, who tried to appear unfazed.

Within the mazes, the actors — called "scaractors" — repeat their given motions or actions every 10 seconds for seven to eight hours a night. They saw off their own hands, search through intestines for a key (in the "Saw" maze); pop out from behind slimy doors; peel the skin off a person's face and drill into a brain.

"Places on my body get sore that I don't expect," said actress Elissa Wag-

ner, who plays the part of "grindstone kill" in the "Friday the 13th" maze. She is sitting in a makeup chair at Scare Base, a studio parking structure that serves as makeup and costumes headquarters on show nights.

"All night long she gets her face ground off by Jason," says Murdy cheerfully, as he watches the makeup artist apply prosthetics that turn Wagner's face into roadkill.

In another room, seamstresses kneel in front of handmade costumes, pins in mouths, altering bloody dresses and filthying up Freddy Krueger sweaters. Around the corner, actors line up to get airbrushed in a room filled with classic horror masks. Halloween Horror Nights is a repository for all kinds of obscure horror film paraphernalia from actual movie sets.

Murdy, who built his first haunted house in his parents' garage when he was 10, is a storehouse of knowledge about the history of horror. He first saw "Frankenstein" when he was 4 and cried not because he was scared but because he felt sorry for the creature. He keeps a "monster room" at his house packed with memorabilia and he can rattle off the date of Lon Chaney's death and a host of other monster-movie trivia like he's ordering an extra value meal.

At the end of each horror night, Murdy is almost always the last to leave. It's his job to close down the back lot's Terror Tram, which cycles people through the Bates Motel and past the same "Psycho" house used in the original movie filmed on the Universal lot.

"The last thing I turn off are the lights in the "Psycho" house, and it's all quiet and everyone's gone," he says. "I'm just still in awe. That's Alfred Hitchcock's 'Psycho' house, one of the most classic horror films of all time."

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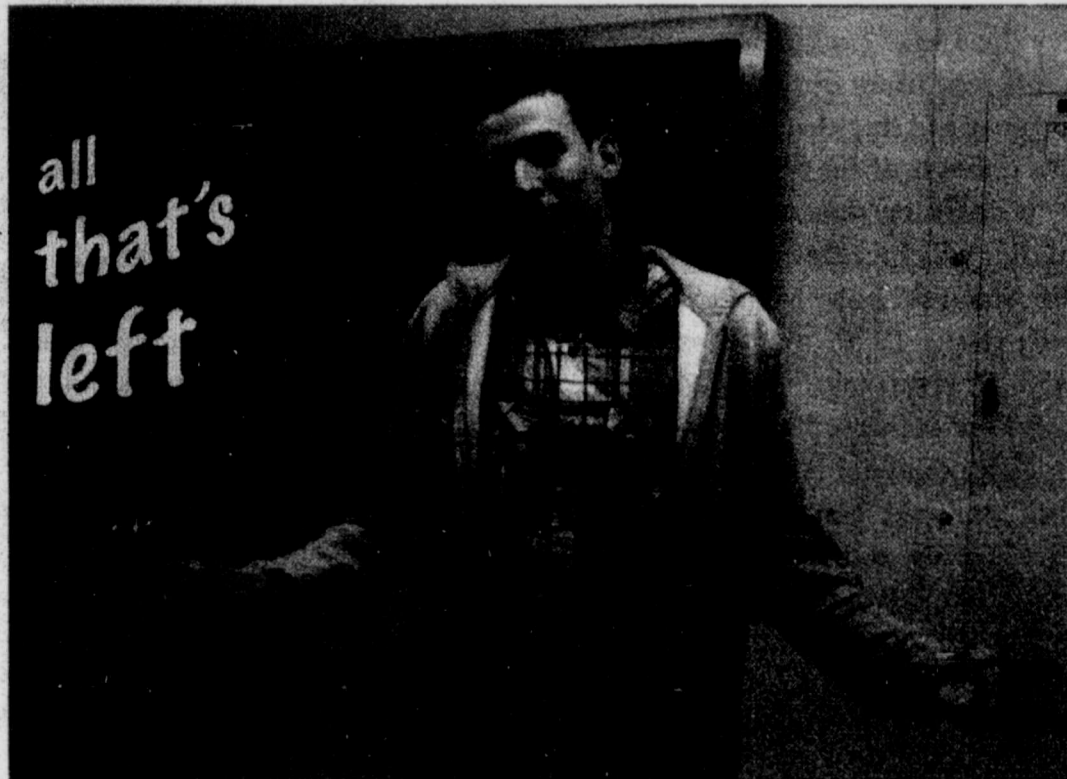


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## United States politics requires us



Greetings, Mustangs! I have the privilege of representing the liberal perspective in the Mustang Daily this year, a responsibility I carry with pride and honor.

I know people by and large have a certain antipathy for the political process (I believe Congress' approval rating is somewhere around 11 percent right now). I also know that I'm one of those "weirdos" who enjoys following politics and my goal for this year is to relay at least some of the inherent interest I see in American (and global) politics.

For my first article, though, I'll refrain from partisan politics and rather explain the derivation of my political viewpoint. One of the main problems I see in the discussion of politics today is that people often treat issues as if they are hermetically sealed, independent of the circumstances that led to certain legislative actions as well as independent of its intended consequences. My aim is to present issues with a reference to the historical circumstances that led to particular actions and present at least some of the mechanics behind it (that's the science part of political

science), for, as the philosopher Hegel adroitly put it, "The concrete present is the result of the past and is pregnant with the future."

No doubt the treatment of issues as if they existed in a vacuum independent of socio-political circumstances is mostly a result of the polarization in politics that has occurred over the last couple decades. It is much easier to adhere to ideology when events are abstracted from reality, much easier to mold them to fit one's worldview. Ideology is supposed to be the theoretical framework from which various solutions are generated, with good ol' American pragmatism serving as the final arbiter, yet ideology has supplanted pragmatic politics so that the two sides of the aisle can no longer find any common ground between themselves.

My goal is to ignite conversation, to get people of all opinions talking again because only in discussion can there be agreement, and only in agreement can there be true progress.

The only political rant that I will embark upon this week regards the upcoming midterm elections.

It has been well documented that midterm elections feature a much lower voter turnout than presidential years. Whether people feel it's not as important or are just not as enthused (which seems to be the problem this year), many people decline to head to the polling stations come election day.

Yet, only two years after young adults turned out in record numbers, I fear that some young people have already become disenchanted with the political process and are willing to

ers, but I don't really care."

It frustrates me when people think voting is unimportant, like the inane sentiment that 'my vote doesn't count.' Sure, if you think of your vote solely as a number to add to one candidate's total. But if you think of your vote as one should, as an expression of your beliefs on how the country should be run and what direction you feel the country should be headed, then it would be ludicrous to think of your vote as counting for nothing — un-

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— Jeremy Cutcher  
Liberal columnist

forgo this opportunity to once again participate in politics. Disenchantment should not turn to apathy, nor even anger like the Tea Party (of which I will have much more to say in the coming weeks), but rather resolution — a desire to improve upon the current state of affairs.

If you think historically, we really are fortunate to be able to participate in our political affairs; for historically people were not citizens but subjects, victim to the whim of whoever happened to be in power — you know, like the scene from Monty Python and the Holy Grail where the peasant recognizes the king because "He's the only one who isn't covered in shit." Imagine talking to someone living in Afghanistan under the Taliban and saying, "Yeah, we can choose our lead-

less, of course, you do not value your own beliefs.

Although we are young, many issues already directly or indirectly affect us, especially the deficit, which, if the current generation in power can't find a solution, will become our burden, compounded annually of course. I guess all I'm trying to say is that if you don't voice your opinions and your interests, who will do it for you? And if the youth in general doesn't vote in November, the country will be governed with little interest of those who will have to bear the brunt of decisions made today.

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Life is so fragile. This guy sounds really legit. I love Cal Poly.

— Brent Davis

In response to "BREAKING: Cal Poly alumnus dies in Baja plane crash"

Nice propaganda piece, Alicia.

This university will never reach its maximum potential so long as the Cal Poly Corporation has free reign to rob it blind. Did you even ask to see their financial records? Where is all our money going? The purpose of the Cal Poly Corporation should be

to offer the highest quality of service at a price which allows them to just break even — but this hasn't been the case for decades. They are an entity which is provided complete protection from any form of competition, and they have used this monopoly protection to divest millions every year into a few private "salaries" for "board members" (old rich men who serve for life and haven't even been to the Cal Poly campus in 20 years). Our campus needs to take over the corporation so that all profits can be given back to the school.

— Matt

In response to "What is the Cal Poly Corporation?"

Thoroughly irrelevant maybe. Sure Keishi opened with an ad hominem

attack, but there are valid points in the comment. Baldwin should have just dismissed the name calling with a sentence or maybe a paragraph and moved on. Instead he spends five paragraphs dissecting what it means to literally be a child. We already know what a child is and so does Keishi.

The whole child bit shouldn't be so easily dismissed either. I believe Keishi is saying you are like a child in that you hold romantic notions of how the world works (as a child would) when the reality is more complex.

It would have been more appropriate to address the main point on "radical deregulation and unchecked corporate power". What is the libertarian response to this? Society concentrates power in individuals and organizations, we don't each have an equal amount of social power in this

world. Our government creates laws to hold these entities in check. The crisis today seems to indicate that removing such laws was a bad idea, an idea libertarian philosophy seems to support.

So what is the libertarian solution to the concentration and abuse of power?

— Arlo White

In response to "Politics is more than Liberals and Conservatives"

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## 'Dame-dos' tourists flocking Miami helpful but still worrisome

Once again, Latin American tourists — benefiting from their countries' strong currencies and a weak U.S. dollar — are flocking to Miami and buying up whatever they can.

It's good for Miami, and it's good for the visitors, but the whole thing makes me nervous.

I've seen this happen before, and it didn't end well. Mainstream economists say this time it's different, but readily admit that the story may not have a happy ending.

Much like in the early 1990s, when South American tourists were known as "dame-dos" (give me two) by Miami merchants because they used to buy two sets of whatever they liked, there is a big increase in Brazilian, Argentine, and other Latin American visitors to South Florida.

According to the Greater Miami Convention & Visitors Bureau, tourism from Brazil has grown by 15 percent during the first six months of this year, while visitors from both Argentina and Colombia have risen by about 10 percent over the same period. Arrivals from Latin America have risen even more steeply over the past three months, other tourism industry sources say.

The tourists can be seen carrying heavy shopping bags from area malls, or lining up at real estate firms to inquire about the prices of condos that are being sold at bargain prices because of the U.S. housing crisis.

A staggering 80 percent of all condos sold in downtown Miami this year have been bought by foreigners, says Jenny Huertas, of Condo Vultures, a real estate brokerage that keeps track of local condo sales. If real estate prices haven't plummeted further in Miami, it's thanks to international buyers, she told me.

The reason for the latest surge in Latin American visitors is clear: Most Latin American currencies

have become increasingly stronger, and the U.S. dollar increasingly weaker.

Brazilians are coming on week-end shopping sprees. Miami's Aventura Mall is reporting a 30 percent

Trouble is, some of the most recent Latin American financial crises have been preceded by years of strong currency appreciations. Before Mexico's financial collapse of 1995, the Brazilian and Colom-

Are we in front of a bubble that will burst once again? I put that question to several economists this week. They said most Latin American countries are more resistant to external shocks than they were in

the appearance of China as a massive buyer of commodity exports.

But economists also warn that if Latin American countries allow their currencies to keep appreciating, it will become increasingly difficult for them to export — especially non-commodity goods — because their products will be too expensive in world markets.

"When currencies are too strong, it tends to hurt exports," says Eduardo Lora, chief economist of the Inter-American Development Bank. "If exports go down, you would eventually see a drop in growth, a reduction of jobs in the formal economy, and a shift of newly-unemployed people to the informal economy."

My opinion: We should celebrate most Latin American countries' economic growth, and recognize that they have been more financially responsible in recent years. But I'm worried that we may see new financial crises in the region unless countries move faster to diversify their exports and come up with new and better products to sell abroad.

To do that, countries should invest more — and invest more smartly — in innovation and education. Currently Latin American countries together account for less than 2 percent of all world investments in research and development of new products, according to the Ibero-American Science and Technology Research Network.

If most countries in the region added a big push for innovation, science, technology and education to their generally sound economic policies, we would all breathe more easily, and could expect to see flush Latin American shoppers traveling to Miami for a long time.

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increase in Brazilian visitors during the first six months of this year. Prices for many items are cheaper than they find at home.

bian crises of 1998 and Argentina's meltdown of 2001, these countries' currencies had become increasingly stronger.

the 1990s, because they are managing their economies more responsibly, and because there is a new factor that is helping South America:

## Expressing personal beliefs through bumper stickers not always good

Adding indifference to injury, the Supreme Court last week refused to hear the appeal of a woman who was ejected from a speech by President George W. Bush because she had an antiwar bumper sticker on her car. The case would have provided the court the opportunity to rule that citizens who pose no threat of disruption may not be barred from presidential events that are advertised as open to the public.

In 2005, Leslie Weise and Alex Young obtained tickets for a Bush town hall meeting on Social Security held in Denver. But they were ordered to leave because a bumper sticker on Weise's car read "No More Blood for Oil." Weise and Young subsequently sued two volunteers at the event who, they argued, had ejected them at the behest of White House aides.

Unlike, say, a Rose Garden signing ceremony to which only supporters of the legislation are invited, the

Bush event was ostensibly open to anyone with a ticket. Nevertheless, Weise was ordered to leave simply because of the message on her bumper sticker. This obvious discrimination on the basis of viewpoint was justified by a federal appeals court on the grounds that the plaintiffs weren't speakers at the event but attendees, and that agents of the government didn't remove the bumper sticker.

This naive misreading of the free-speech issue at the heart of the case cried out for reversal by the Supreme Court. Justices Ruth Bader Ginsburg and Sonia Sotomayor, who dissented from the decision not to hear the case, wrote that it's well established that the government "may not deny a benefit to a person on a basis that infringes his constitutionally protected interests."

Quite simply, Weise was punished for her beliefs and put on notice that criticizing the government could result in her exclusion from similar

public events in the future.

In their dissent, Ginsburg and Sotomayor expressed the hope that their colleagues chose to sidestep the case not because they agreed with the lower court's First Amendment analysis but because the defendants were volunteers who might enjoy immunity under a federal statute. The two dissenters noted that separate suits against the government officials who are accused of orchestrating the ejection are still pending.

One of those suits might serve as a vehicle for a definitive decision by the court. That ruling should affirm that when the president invites the public to hear him speak, he can't pick and choose his listeners on the basis of their opinions.

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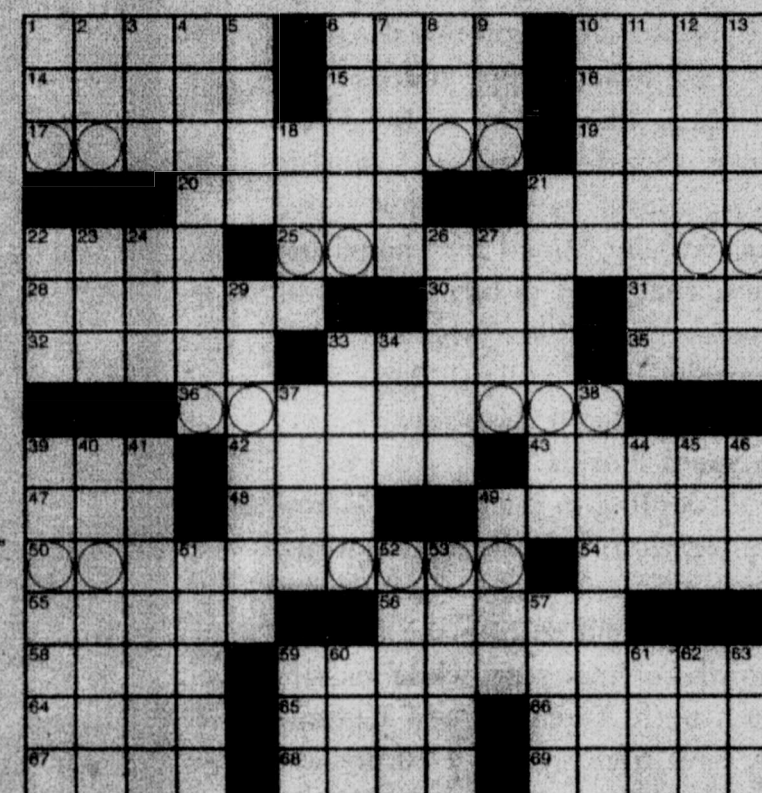
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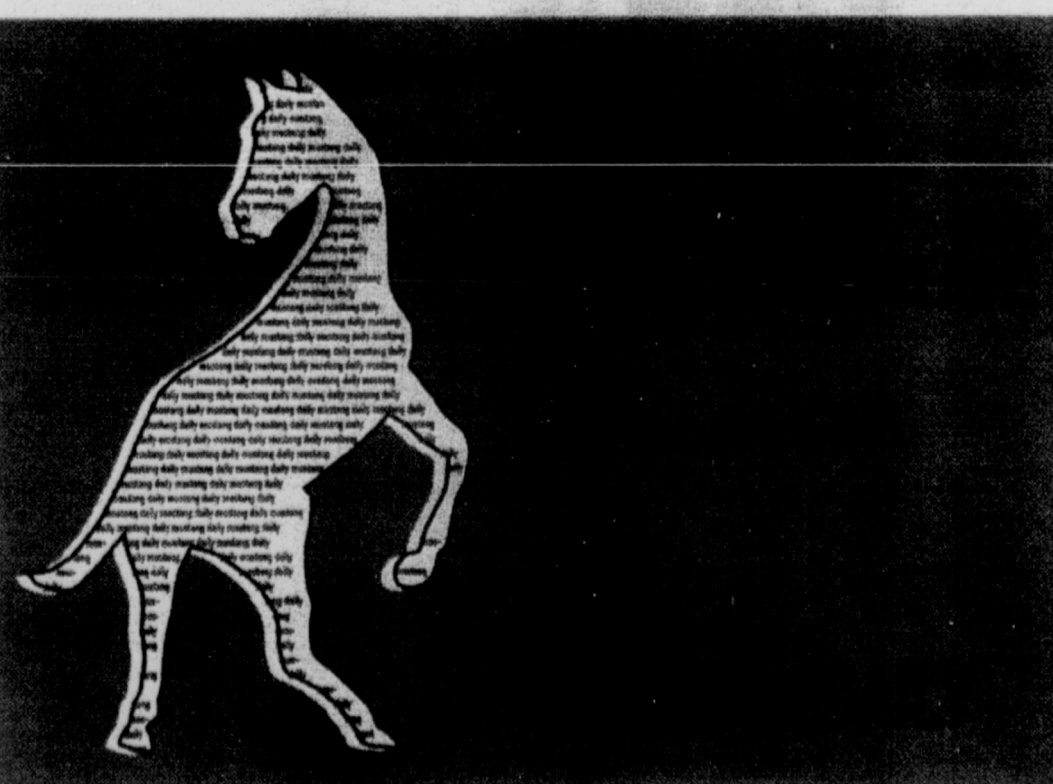
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## Graven

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"As another player on the court, Kristina is a confident person that you'd want (to be on the) team," Gera said. "You can believe she'll get the job done, and you can go to her for help and for a confidence booster. She keeps good energy and attitude."

Graven's dedication to volleyball helped her choose which college was most suitable for her academic and athletic career. Having chosen Cal Poly over California and UC San Diego, she couldn't be happier with her decision.

"I really like the coaching staff, their philosophy and the atmosphere of the school," Graven said. "I just felt like I fit in here."

In addition, Graven said the new group of people she met at Cal Poly shares great chemistry and works

well together.

"I've had a great time with the team and it's been really fun," Graven said. "We play really well together; everyone is really positive. Everybody respects everybody — It's not (as if) you have to have the title of 'captain' (to be respected). Everyone has their place and say."

On the other hand, off the court, Graven's future dreams have nothing to do with volleyball.

"I like to cook a lot — all the time," Graven said. "I think I want to end up cooking for a career and open my own bakery in the future. But, volleyball takes up a lot of time. It's hard to have other hobbies."

Graven and the women's volleyball team will return home on Oct. 22 against Cal State Northridge at 7 p.m.

## Woods

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degren this summer. They have two children.

"Certainly I'm a lot more at peace now," Woods said. "Everyone's getting used to the new living conditions. The kids are adjusting."

"I learned a lot about myself and I learned how things went wrong, why they went wrong and to take a pretty

deep and introspective look at myself and there weren't a lot of things I liked about it," Woods said.

"I come from a much better place, much more grounded place now than I ever have before. I'd like to get back to a full playing schedule next year and be ready for the big events again."

Other players in the Chevron tournament include this year's U.S. Open winner, Graeme McDowell, and PGA Championship winner

Martin Kaymer.

The others are defending tournament winner Jim Furyk, Steve Stricker, Paul Casey, Rory McIlroy, Luke Donald, Matt Kuchar, Dustin Johnson, Ian Poulter, Hunter Mahan, Zach Johnson, Anthony Kim, Bubba Watson, Sean O'Hair, Camilo Villegas and Stewart Cink.

The event's \$5 million purse ranges from \$1.2 million for the winner to \$140,000 for the last-place finisher.



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After Tiger Woods made his return to the golf course in April, he has finished in the top-five in just two of 12 PGA tour events.

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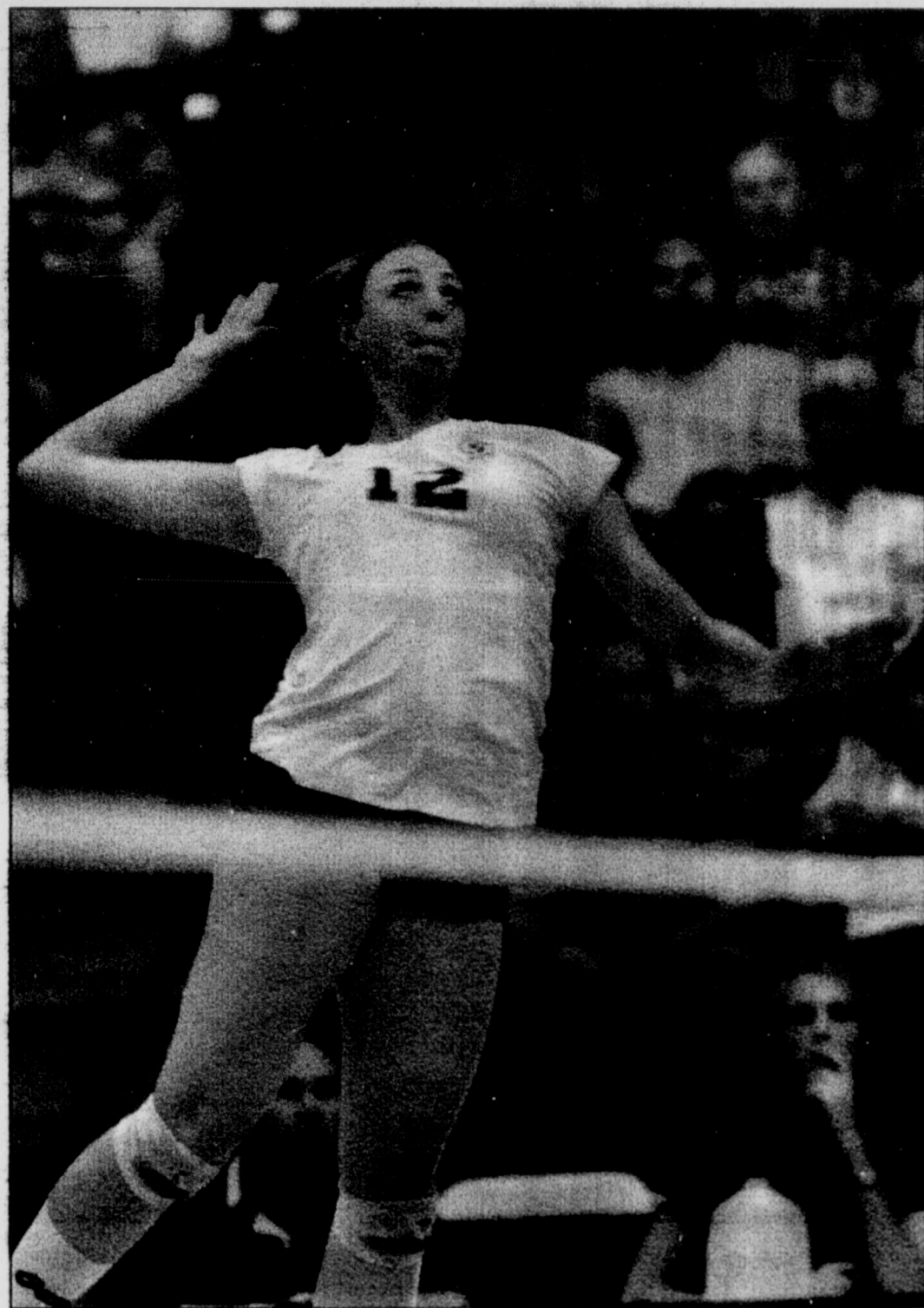
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WE ARE THE MUSTANGS



## Kristina Graven wastes no time on her path to success



RYAN SIDARTO MUSTANG DAILY

Outside hitter Kristina Graven has been a key part of the Mustangs success this season. In her freshman season, Graven has helped Cal Poly to a 15-6 record.

Jessica Tam

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Outside hitter Kristina Graven was the first athlete to be named the Big West Player of the Week for the 2010-2011 year and since then has kept the success rolling. Now with the Mustangs (15-6, 5-3 Big West) threatening to make a run at the top spot in the conference with about a

Marshall on Aug. 28 and she was named to the Shamrock Classic All-Tournament Team, one of the largest USA volleyball tournaments on the East Coast.

In addition, the Mustangs defeated Arizona in Graven's first game when she racked up double digit kills and digs. She did it again against Notre Dame on Aug. 28.

But the 18-year-old still has one

has worked with at Cal Poly. Graven has high hopes that Stevenson will lead the team to victory. The team's recent win against UC Riverside and Cal State Fullerton was a result of good coaching, Graven said.

"He's really good in practice," Graven said. "He has scouting reports and we watch tapes (to help our performance). He knows everything the teams can do and what their tendencies are."

To help the girls prepare for matches, the coaches try to make practice "game-like" and "emulate the game as much (as possible) so when (the players) get on the court, it's like second nature to them," assistant coach Caroline Walters said.

Walters can tell this technique works when she sees Graven on the court, she said.

"As a freshman, I think she's already exceeded expectations," Walters said. "She's a leader statistically in all our matches played, and that's all you can ask from a freshman. She has quick speed for someone who just came from high school to college."

Graven has support from her teammates, too. Growing up with Graven, middle blocker Marianne Gera said she can "really see that (Graven) has evolved into a really great volleyball player."

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**As a freshman, I think she's already exceeded expectations ... She has quick speed for someone who just came from high school to college.**

— Caroline Walters  
Volleyball assistant coach

month left in the season, the women's volleyball team is paralleling Graven's triumphs.

Graven has already racked up an impressive athletic resume. She was the No. 28 ranked recruit in the nation out of high school by Prepvolleyball.com, a list of the best U.S. recruits with the most potential in college. She led the Mustangs with 17 kills in a four-set win against

dream she shares with her fellow teammates.

"I think we all really want to win (the Big West) right now, that's the thing we're working towards," Graven said. "We just need to win out the rest of our matches and (make it to the) tournament and (do well) there."

Currently, Graven is the highest ranked recruit coach Jon Stevenson

## Tiger Woods hopes to end year on good note

Jim Peltz

LOS ANGELES TIMES

LOS ANGELES — Tiger Woods said Monday he's hoping to cap "a long, frustrating year" with a victory at the golfer's own charity tournament in Thousand Oaks, Calif., in December — if he doesn't win earlier.

"My game's coming around," he told reporters in advance of his Chevron World Challenge. "Everything's headed in a positive direction now."

The annual 18-player tournament, which benefits the Tiger Woods Foundation and other charities, is scheduled Dec. 2-5 at Jack Nicklaus-designed Sherwood Country Club.

Woods has won the event four times but has missed the tournament the last two years. He was recovering

from knee surgery in 2008, and last year he withdrew because the event came only days after his Thanksgiving night car accident in Florida that set in motion his sensational sex scandal.

In a tumultuous season for Woods that started late with the Masters in April, he has struggled to regain the form that enabled him to win 14 major tournaments. Woods also is in danger of losing the No. 1 spot in the world golf rankings, a position he has held for more than five consecutive years, to Englishman Lee Westwood in the coming weeks.

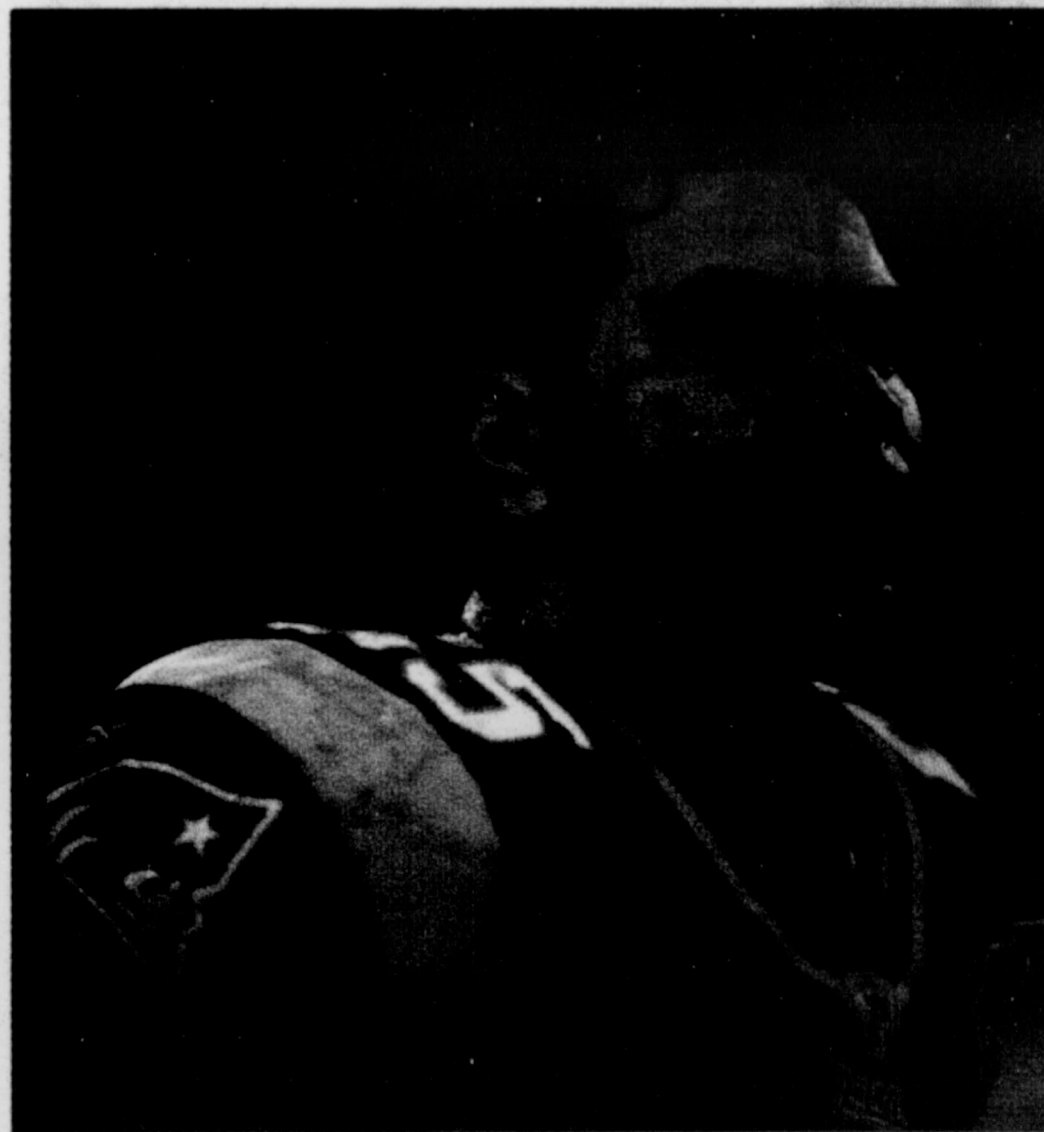
Woods, 34, hasn't won this year and has only two top-five finishes in 12 PGA Tour events. But with the help of a new swing coach, Sean Foley, Woods said he's turning things around.

"I'm still working toward it," Woods said in a video teleconference from Orlando, Fla. "I don't have it all dialed in yet. I have two more events prior to the Chevron event" in China and Australia. "Hopefully, I can get two more (wins) before I get to Chevron."

Woods said he's also making progress with his personal life in the aftermath of the scandal, which led to his divorce from Elin Nor-

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## Junior Seau's SUV plunges over cliff



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Junior Seau was arrested on suspicion of domestic violence Monday.

Andrew Blankstein

LOS ANGELES TIMES

LOS ANGELES — Tire tracks on the sand showed Monday where Junior Seau's sport utility vehicle plunged over a cliff hours after the former San Diego Chargers linebacker was arrested on suspicion of domestic violence.

Seau, 41, who retired this year

from the New England Patriots, was treated for non-life-threatening injuries at Scripps Memorial Hospital La Jolla, according to the Carlsbad Police Department.

Police received an emergency call about 8:42 a.m. Monday about a vehicle veering off the road on Carlsbad Boulevard at Solamar Avenue.

"Preliminary investigation shows the vehicle left the roadway and trav-

eled over the cliff, landing on the beach below," Carlsbad police officials said in a prepared statement. "The vehicle was only occupied by the driver, a male who was identified as Junior Seau. ... Investigation is continuing into how and why the accident occurred."

Authorities would not comment on whether the incident was related to Seau's arrest hours earlier or caused by something else. He was arrested at 12:20 a.m. in Oceanside on suspicion of assaulting his live-in girlfriend.

In a statement, Oceanside police said the 25-year-old victim sustained minor injuries during an argument and she did not require medical treatment.

Seau was not at the home when police arrived.

"Seau called the victim while police were on scene and spoke to the officers; he agreed to return to the home," Carlsbad police said.

Seau drove back to the scene shortly after midnight and was arrested there without incident, police said. Seau was booked into the Vista Detention Facility and released after posting bail.

A college All-American at USC and a 12-time Pro Bowl linebacker, Seau played 13 seasons with the Chargers and three seasons with the Miami Dolphins.

Seau retired for a short time before rejoining the New England Patriots. He announced his retirement at the end of last season.

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